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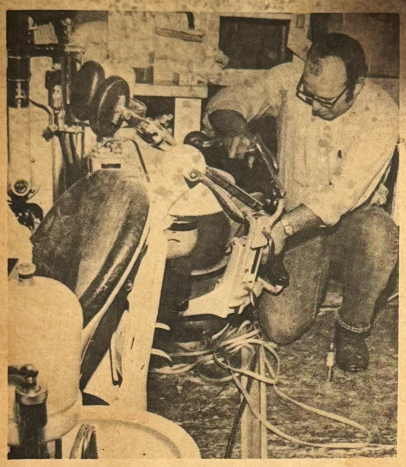

INSTALLATION — John LaNoue, who coordinated the work on the mobile medical-dental clinic recently put into operation in the Rio Grande Valley is shown making minor repairs to one of two dental chairs which were installed in the van.

AMIGOS INTERNACIONALES' NO. 5

Skills Combined to Outfit Clinic

ATHENS, TEXAS

More than 15 men of varying occupational backgrounds recently completed construction of the fifth mobile medical clinic built under the supervision of Amigos Internacionales of Athens.

The clinic, housed in a 35-foot van-type trailer, has been placed into service in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas where it is being staffed by doctors, dentists, nurses and others with medical missions projects.

"Judge" George Middlebrooks of Nacogdoches made the beginning of construction possible by purchasing the van for Amigos Internacionales from the Southeast Diabetic Association. Middlebrooks is a former county judge who has until recent months also pastored First Baptist Church of Chireno, Texas. He is presently an active member of First Baptist Church, Nacogdoches, and active in the life and projects of Amigos Internacionales.

First work on the new clinic was done by R.A. Huttash of Jacksonville, who did body repair and painting for the exterior of the van.

Next, the van was moved to the parking lot of the Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church of Dallas where the remainder of the work was accomplished. The Shiloh Terrace church provided utilities and a "base of operation" for the completion of the project.

To the now-painted van were added 2 dental chairs, an X-Ray development room, and a complete hot water plumbing system. The inside partitions were refurbished with plywood paneling.

Luther Hill and Larry Walthall, employees of medical-dental equipment supply firms in Dallas, provided much of the technical knowledge and materials for the clinic.

New tires for the van were furnished by Tharp Tire, Inc., of Dallas. Electrical supplies were furnished through the good work of Ben Cambron, an accountant with a Dallas oil firm.

Materials and labor for the hot water system were provided by Gene Daniels, a self-employed plumber, and others.

Others who helped on the project include Jack Allmon, printing company manager; Melvin Bentley, produce buyer; Ed Smith, freight forwarding agent; Charles Johnson, Postal Service supervisor; Elmin Howell, River Ministry coordinator; Ken Barfield, air conditioning engineer; Dr. Charles Whiteside, head of the Chemistry Department at Kilgore College, Kilgore, Texas; Richard Beane, maintenance superintendent; Charles Maynor, auto supply executive and Madis Brasher, bookkeeper.

The work of coordinating the project was accomplished by John LaNoue, youth associate in the Church Services Division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. While a Baptist Student Union director, LaNoue led in the organization of Amigos Internacionales, Inc.

Amigos Internacionales president Jim Wren said, "We are very excited at the new possibilities of sharing Jesus Christ through opportunities afforded by this new medical clinic. I would invite persons interested in our Texas clinics or in our developing British Honduras project to contact me at Box 444, Athens, Texas 75751.

LaNoue said, "We haven't paid for it yet, but we have 'purchased' the van for mobile clinic number 6 and are ready to start work on its construction immediately. All interested men and women are invited to participate". (LaNoue can be contacted at the Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas 75201).

One of the laymen who worked on the project was heard to remark "This is more than I have done for the Lord in years".

Allmon said, "If no other benefits came from the project, it was worth the long hours of work for the tremendous Christian fellowship we enjoyed while completing the clinic. We had the opportunity for a Christian service which we would not have otherwise had. By working nights and weekends, at a place near most of our homes, we were able to spend more time than if the project had been farther from home.

"We feel a real sense of accomplishment in seeing the completed clinic. However, the clinic means all the more to us when we recognize that it will become a tool in the hands of doctors, dentists and others to meet the physical needs of persons in the name of Christ."

Atlantans Plan Mission to Primitive Area

ATLANTA

An unusual missionary venture into one of the most primitive mission fields on which Southern Baptists work will be made this summer by dentists, doctors and young people of Northside Drive Church in Atlanta according to The Christian Index.

About 25 young people and five or six doctors and dentists will go to Honduras on July 28 to spend three weeks working with natives in the state of Limpira. The project has been labeled "Operation Touch."

Forrest H. Lanier, pastor at Northside Drive, said "Harold Hurst, our missionary contact in Honduras, tells us that the medical and agricultural and spiritual needs in that area are as destitute as any needs anywhere. We will really be hacking out some missionary trails this summer."

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TWO DENTISTS in Northside Drive Church — Dr. Ben Ventress and Dr. Roy Wicker — will make the missionary journey. They will extract teeth, perform limited dental surgery and do whatever dental work is possible during the three-week stay.

Dr. Wicker said, "We understand from Mr. Hurst that we will work under the most primitive conditions imaginable. They have no electricity, no running water, nor even rudimentary dental chairs. With such limited facilities, we can't hope to do more than extract teeth that are beyond repair."

Love in Operation At Latin Missions

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

"Operation Love" has been taking place each Friday night at two Latin missions in Corpus Christi.

Del Mar College's Baptist Student Union members worked with between 50 and 75 children each Friday night this spring.

"Most of the kids in the mission community come from large families and do not receive too much love and attention. Our students hear each week the words, 'I love you' from these kids responding to their love," Ron Durham, Del Mar BSU director related.

Bible story telling, singing, handcraft work, games, and refreshment serving make up the schedule at two missions. One is held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. with the second following from 6 to 7:30.

Marion Sproule, BSU mission's co-chairman, and Shirley Barber, BSU missions chairman, plan the activities. About 10 BSUers have worked in the projects.

Oklahomans Work on River

FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

A group of students from the Baptist Student Union of Northwestern State College of Alva, Okla., helped members of First Baptist Church, Fort Stockton, with a Bible School at Boquillas in May. Don Reed, BSU director, led the students to the Big Bend.

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—Ralph Capshaw, President, Wings for Christ of Texas, Inc.
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Class Leads to Contacts

EL PASO

An employee of an office machine company, Don Burger, has found a unique ministry related to the operation of a cash register.

For several weeks, Burger has been conducting a twice-weekly class in the proper operation of a cash register for the Baptist Mission Center of El Paso.

Two members of his class who operate a small corner grocery store expressed interest in the purchase of an inexpensive cash register.

Burger visited the store. He found that the real need was not the purchase of a cash register but was for training in keeping records of income and expenditures.

From the classroom situation, Burger has developed many contacts which have led to very personal relationships with the persons — and from these personal relationships have come opportunities to share Christ.